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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
QUARTERLY LABOR

MAY 2002 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY for the week of April 7-13, 2002. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson
State Statistician

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 20,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona (Mountain Region III) during the survey week of April 7-13, 2002. This was 2,000 less workers than the same time in 2001. Farm operators paid workers an average rate of \$8.21 compared to \$7.46 the previous year. This was \$0.62 less than the national average of \$8.83. Hours worked during the survey week were 46.2 hours, 6 hours more than the national average of 40.2 hours. In New Mexico there were 6.7 days suitable for field work during the survey week. Farm activities in the southern part of the state included planting and irrigating while the northern part of the state was preparing ground for planting and cleaning ditches. Ranch activities included calving, culling and some branding.

UNITED STATES: There were 890,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.83 per hour during the April 2002 survey week, up 52 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.06 per hour, up 45 cents from last April. Livestock workers earned \$8.43 per hour compared with \$8.01 a

year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate was up 44 cents from last year. Number of hours worked averaged 40.2 hours for hired workers during the survey week, unchanged from a year ago.

Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., April 2001-2002^{1/}

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}		
	Apr 8-14 2001	Apr 7-13 2002	Apr 8-14 2001	Apr 7-13 2002	Apr 8-14 2001	Apr 7-13 2002	Apr 8-14 2001	Apr 7-13 2002	
Workers on Farms All Hired Workers	-----Thousands-----								
	29	25	22	20	77	60	804	890	
Hours Worked All Hired Workers	-----Hours Per Week-----								
	41.0	37.7	46.1	46.2	38.6	39.6	40.2	40.2	
Workers By Work Type	-----Dollars Per Hour-----								
	Field	7.37	8.06	6.92	7.51	7.10	6.92	7.61	8.06
	Livestock	7.58	8.58	6.80	8.35	7.71	7.78	8.01	8.43
	Field & Livestock	7.44	8.26	6.90	7.71	7.33	7.31	7.71	8.15
	All Workers	7.99	8.95	7.46	8.21	7.86	7.95	8.31	8.83

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.